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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-29-54

WEATHER The week was rather cloudy and considerably colder than normal. Most of the northern and central portions of the State received moderate to locally heavy snow, but precipitation was only light to locally moderate in the south. There was some freezing rain or drizzle in the northeast. Winds were only moderate so there was only light drifting.

CROPS The wheat outlook in the Panhandle while variable shows some improvement locally from the moisture. The moisture was generally too light in Nebraska's southern wheat belt to be of material benefit. Considerable damage to wheat was reported in some southwestern and central counties with slight damage in a few eastern counties. The entire wheat belt needs more moisture. The outlook for wheat is lower than it was last fall and there were more reports of damage last week than for previous weeks.

Spring seeding has been delayed because of cold weather with about enough surface moisture to prevent field operations. The report of the past week shows that 29% of the oats have been seeded, mostly in the southern counties. Spring wheat seeding is about half finished and barley about 38% completed. Spring rains with higher temperatures are needed. The northern third of the State received considerable snow and very little spring planting has been done.

The condition of alfalfa and wild hay is fairly good but warm weather with spring rain is needed. Pasture is a little slow for the same reason. There are a few local shortages of feed but the supply generally ranges from ample to surplus. The outcome of some alfalfa seeded last fall is uncertain.

The farm labor supply is more nearly adequate than previously. More farm boys have returned from the war with about one being drafted or volunteered to two or three returning from the Service. Cold weather delayed farm operations during the past week. The open weather has enabled farmers to do more of their work while labor saving machinery has eliminated a lot of farm labor.

LIVESTOCK Two counties report losses of cattle, especially calves from the recent storm. Shipments of cattle to country points during January and February show an increase of 74% while the shipments to the nine Corn Belt States show an increase of 40% for the same period over that during January and February a year ago. Shipments of lambs to country points showed an increase of 56% for January and February as compared to the same months a year ago, and about the same increase shown for the nine Corn Belt States.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, 1954

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.39
Lincoln	.14
Norfolk	.79
Omaha	.19
Sioux City	.22

Central Division

Burwell	—
Lexington	.13
North Platte	.04
Valentine	.56

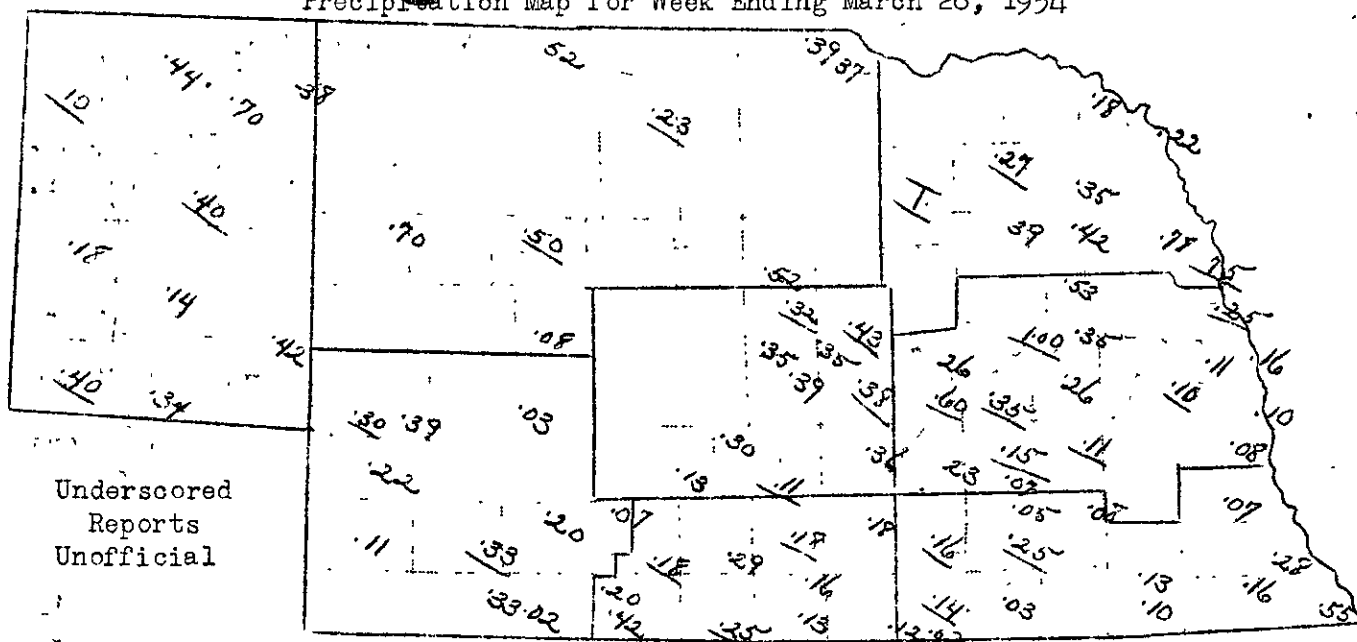
Western Division

Chadron	.44
Imperial	.02
Scottsbluff	.18
Sidney	.18

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 26, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Max. for preceding 24 hours, Min. for preceding night)

		March													
		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	43	33	45	33	44	25	37	17	54	28	54	17	34	12
	Scottsbluff	45	34	38	31	42	24	36	23	52	25	58	23	46	14
	Sidney	47	32	34	28	38	22	34	21	54	26	59	34	44	12
N-C	Burwell	43	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	38	26	37	31	40	26	31	14	52	29	38	19	27	11
NE	Norfolk	42	23	41	35	42	34	41	18	47	32	45	30	32	15
	Sioux City	43	25	44	36	43	36	41	23	45	37	43	29	--	--
CEN.	Grand Island	47	32	43	34	47	34	44	22	51	33	58	35	43	17
	Lexington	50	29	36	31	46	31	42	22	54	29	62	31	47	14
E-C	Lincoln	49	33	43	39	47	38	43	23	51	38	59	22	42	20
	Omaha	47	30	46	39	47	40	47	25	48	38	56	36	39	19
SW	Imperial	46	32	37	29	51	27	40	21	56	28	64	36	46	15
	North Platte	45	30	34	30	44	27	38	20	55	30	61	33	36	15

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